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MAN CHARGED IN BIAS MOTIVATED CRIME

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of assaulting a woman earlier this year in an alleged bias motivated crime.

Alexander Declouet (DOB: 7-22-89) is charged with *second-degree assault* (F4), *criminal mischief* (F4) and *bias motivated crime* (F5).

The charges allege that Declouet assaulted the 21-year-old victim in the early morning hours of August 22, 2010, and vandalized her car following an altercation that started in the parking lot of a restaurant located in the 700 block of West Colfax Avenue. The charges further allege that the victim and her companions had been targeted for the assault based on the defendant's perception of their sexual orientation.

Declouet was arrested in Summit County, Colorado on October 3, 2010. He has been released from custody on a \$5,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on November 8, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. *See Colo. RPC 3.6*

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